

Urban Transportation Commission Project Briefing

South Lamar Corridor Study

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Provide preliminary design and engineering for the South Lamar Blvd. corridor to improve safety and improve vehicular, transit, pedestrian and bicycle mobility and accessibility. Current funding is for Preliminary phase only. Design and construction is contingent on identification of future funding.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

The City of Austin is currently selecting a consultant team to provide a Preliminary Engineering Study for future sidewalk, bicycle, pedestrian, transit and vehicle transportation infrastructure facilities along South Lamar Boulevard.

The purpose of the Study is to identify the future transportation needs of the South Lamar Boulevard corridor.

The Project will require the establishment of a vision, plan, and implementation strategy for the corridor that results in the development of a multi-modal transportation system supportive of mixed-use, pedestrian, and bicycle friendly development patterns. The results may include, but are not limited to the following:

- a) A comprehensive public involvement process
- b) Land use and urban design recommendations to improve the function and appearance of the built environment and stimulate revitalization
- c) Transportation analysis and recommendations for creating a safe, multi-modal, transit-supportive corridor, and identification of improvements for better circulation or connectivity
- d) A health impact assessment (HIA) of any proposed recommendations.
- e) Identification of infrastructure improvements required to implement the plan

PROJECT FUNDING:

Project funding provided through the 2012 Bond Initiative.

Allocation of funding for this project approved 9/9/2013 by the Austin City Council.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Expected solicitation (RFQ) – December 2013

Contract approval by City Council – Spring 2014

Expected contract duration – 8 to 12 months after the contract is executed